

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DERWOOD

Mass Intentions

August 1 - August 7, 2022

Monday, 8/1	9:00 a.m.	Therese Alerte
Tuesday, 8/2	9:00 a.m.	Matthew D. Nidhry
Wednesday, 8/3	9:00 a.m.	Amelia Dudenhoeffer
	7:30 p.m.	Gloria Reinoso (L)
Thursday, 8/4	9:00 a.m.	Bill Flanery
Friday, 8/5	9:00 a.m.	Barbara Lynn Beall
	7:30 p.m.	Pina Peres
Saturday, 8/6	5:00 p.m.	<i>Pro populo</i>
Sunday, 8/7	8:00 a.m.	Lee Beng
	9:30 a.m.	John Henry Bullen, Jr.
	11:15 a.m.	Catherine Celeste Dillon
	5:00 p.m.	Gerry Madden

+ In Memoriam Aeternam +

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Irene Bautista.

Please pray for the sick... Donna & Jay Ruffin, Mike Lapp, Ella Okulewicz, Michael Waple, Dan Gannis, Sophia Martinez, Debra Price, Barbara Schmidt, Mary Cutting, Angelica Santos, Allison Brauer, Frank Knorr, Allan Degen, Bob Jones, William Komlo, Sandra Kimball, Ed Dudenhoeffer, Jackie Roebuck King, Jeni Stepanek. *(Names will remain on this list for four consecutive weeks, but can be repeated by calling the Office.)*

Readings for the Week of July 31, 2022

Sunday:	Ecd 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Monday:	Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Next Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR

We have recently held our Primary Elections. It may be a few weeks until all the ballots are counted and we learn how all the candidates will be in the General Election to be held in November. But in this column I want to talk about the Catholic Impact in District 19 where St. Francis of Assisi and five other Catholic parishes are located. First of all you may wonder what the six parishes in District 19 are. They are Our Lady of Grace in Silver Spring, Shrine of St. Jude in Rockville, St. Andrew the Apostle in Silver Spring, St. Patrick in Rockville, San Andrés Mission in Silver Spring, and, of course, St. Francis of Assisi in Derwood. The oldest parish in District 19 is the Shrine of St. Jude in Rockville (founded in 1956). The most recent parish is probably Our Lady of Grace in Silver Spring (founded in 1983). There are four Catholic Schools in District 19: St. Andrew the Apostle Early Learning Center, St. Andrew the Apostle School, St. Jude Regional School, and St. Patrick's Catholic School. We are a supporting parish for St. Jude Regional School which was founded in 1956 (the same year as the parish).

Victory Housing has 142 rent-assisted apartments for seniors at Grace House and Hampshire Village both located on Norbeck Road in Silver Spring.

Catholic Charities provides a range of community resources in District 19. Here are few of them for your information:

Catholic Charities Center, 12247 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring. Services provided there include case management; crisis intervention; food; clothing; parental and financial education; rent; mortgage and utility assistance; immigration legal services; and services for pregnant women. Special mention should be made of **Immigration Legal Services** which provides pro bono legal immigration services for foreign-born individuals and their families and **Sanctuaries for Life** which is a support program for women facing an unintended pregnancy including prenatal care, labor/delivery, and connections for housing, food, clothing, and education.

Rosaria Communities, 15400 Calhoun Drive, Rockville, is an affiliated corporation of the Archdiocese of Washington that builds housing to provide independent living opportunities for people with physical and intellectual disabilities.

Additional Catholic Charities programs available to residents in District 19 include:

- **Legal Network**—Pro bono legal services including issues with debt, employment, family law, landlord-tenant issues, public benefits, will and probate, guardianship and conservatorship.
- **Community Companions**—After-school programs, in-home support, respite breaks and camps in special needs families when caregivers need to work or to rest.
- **Community Options**—Day program for adults with severe cognitive or physical disabilities

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Where do I find my wealth? How do I regard and handle my material wealth?

ARCHDIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS TO BE CELEBRATED AUGUST 20

Cardinal Gregory will celebrate the First Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to celebrate the Vocation of Marriage at 9:30 am Saturday, August 20, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This First Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Jubilarian anniversaries will still be honored in a special way during this Mass. The Mass will be recorded and posted on the Archdiocesan website so everyone can join the celebration. Couples are invited to **register by August 5, 2022**, with their parish to receive a certificate from Cardinal Gregory in honor of their anniversary; please contact the Parish Office at (301) 840-1407 to register for a certificate.

THE MUSINGS OF THE PASTOR (continued)

- **Financial Stability Network**—Pro bono financial services; including financial coaching, education, and tax assistance for low income families to increase income, build and sustain assets
- **Parish Partners Program**—Connects Catholic parishes seeking to assist local families with Catholic Charities' expertise and services; also provides training, networking and support for the development of parish social ministries, and an emergency service guide for the county
- **Supported Employment Program**—Support for adults with developmental disabilities to enter the workforce
- **SHARE Food Network**—Discount grocery program that is community-based and open to all, possible through high-volume purchasing and volunteer engagement
- **Strong Families Initiative**—Provides youth an outlet to discuss hardships they are facing, to be better equipped to face future difficulties
- **Welcome Home Reentry Program**—Volunteer mentoring to men and women returning to their communities after incarceration.

Finally here is a snapshot of the Catholic impact in District 19:

- 6 Catholic parishes
- 142 affordable senior housing units
- 3 Catholic health or dental care centers
- 865 students in three Catholic schools and one early learning center
- \$14.6 million in tax dollars saved by three Catholic schools and one early learning center.

For more information about the Catholic impact, feel free to contact the Maryland Catholic Conference: 410-269-1155; @mdcatholic; www.mdcatholic.org.

Until next week.....Fr. John

Eucharistic



Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration takes place on Friday mornings in the Church from 9:30 am to 12 Noon every Friday when there are no funerals. Come kneel before Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, read Scripture, pray the Rosary or sit in his presence. All are welcome to be near our Lord.

OUR MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING & BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT IS UNDERWAY

As our parish's 50th anniversary celebration winds to a close this fall, parishioners are invited to participate in our Memorial Tree Planting and Beautification Project. Individual households are asked to make a memorial donation of \$200 that will go into a general fund for the preparation of the ground/soil, purchase, installation, and maintenance of 12 trees that will be planted on the parish grounds to replace trees that have died or are reaching the end of their life spans. The trees to be planted are four Maple, four American Sycamore, and four Red Oak trees. The names of donors or those being memorialized will be added to a memorial display to be hung in the Gathering Space. Individual trees will not be marked with a memorial plaque since this is a communal project.

To participate, please see the parish website to fill out a form and read more about the project. Please bring your donation by check or cash to the Parish Office by September 15. The trees will be planted by Rock Creek Landscaping by the end of September 2022 and a blessing of the trees will take place in early October.

For more information, please contact Parish Secretary Donna Zezzo at (301) 840-1407.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUP?

The parish's Adult Faith Formation Team is gauging parishioners' interest in small faith sharing groups this fall. The parish will help facilitate the groups while parishioners will host and lead them. The groups can be conducted in hosts' homes or at parish facilities, space permitting, or by Zoom. Please indicate your interest in hosting, leading, or participating in a small group by signing up on Flocknote at <https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/95476>. Several discussion resources are available from Little Rock Scripture Study and RENEW to guide participants and a group for women is forming. For more information, contact Director of Social Concerns and Adult Faith Formation Tony Bosnick at abosnick@sfadw.org or call him at (301) 840-1407.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PROGRAM NEWS
REGISTER FOR 2022-23 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FOR CHILDREN
IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 8**

Our parish offers families a choice of two options for religious education:

Option 1: "Classroom model" offering in-person classes with modifications in place as needed to comply with covid safety protocols:

- **Elementary (Kindergarten-Grade 5) classes** offered at two session times: Sunday 9:20-10:35 am and Monday 4:45-6:00 pm. If smaller class sizes are needed for covid safety, students will attend in-person classes on alternating weeks and complete a lesson at-home between each in-person class.
- **Middle School (Grade 6, 7 & 8) classes** with students attending weekly. Two session times will be offered: Monday 6:45-8:00 pm and Tuesday 6:45-8:00 pm.
- **Classes for children and youth with special needs** meeting on Sunday afternoons 3:30-4:30 pm (in-person or online).

Option 2: "Home school model" offering parents the opportunity to teach their children at home with textbook resources and support provided by the parish, including online parent meetings and additional events (in-person and online) for students and families.

Registration fee: \$125.00 per child

(\$25 discount for registrations received by 8/15/2022)

If payment of registration fees poses a financial hardship,
please contact us and allow us to assist you.

Registration forms and additional information can be found on the parish website <https://sfadw.org/children-grades-pre-k-8>.

Completed forms can be mailed to the parish, dropped off in person at the Rectory Office (Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm), or returned as digital copies via email to sfareligious@sfadw.org.

Registering for Sacramental Preparation

Sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation, 1st Eucharist, Confirmation, and Christian Initiation for Children/Teens (CIC/CIT) is not grade specific and involves preparation in addition to grade level Religious Education classes. At minimum, children are expected to have participated in religious education in the year prior to preparing for a sacrament.

Please note: students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will attend their grade-level Religious Education classes as well as monthly Confirmation sessions

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Vacation Bible Camp 2022
Connecting Kids to Justice Report

Throughout our week-long Vacation Bible Camp, we talked about the many ways in which God's greatness is shown, especially in his monumental love for us. God knows every person by name, and he loves and cares for each of us! *Awesome God!*

We also talked about *bicycles* and how children around the world use bicycles to get to school. Through our *Connecting Kids to Justice* outreach project, we learned that children with physical disabilities need specially modified bikes and discovered that we could help them get these bikes through our monetary donations in support of Catholic Relief Services (CRS). For every \$50 raised, CRS can provide one modified bicycle for a child and help communities in Laos, Cambodia, and around the world provide education and access to resources for children with disabilities.

During VBC, we received contributions from campers, families and volunteers totaling \$639, which is the equivalent of 12 bikes! Supporting the work of our Church through Catholic Relief Services means helping children all over the world have what they need to get to school and receive the gift of an education. Thank you to all of our VBC participants who contributed to our outreach project!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (continued)

Families requesting sacramental preparation for their child are asked to mark their registration form accordingly so that additional information can be provided. Please note that there is a separate materials fee for sacramental preparation programs. More details will be provided at the parent meetings next year.

As we look ahead to next year's Religious Education program, please consider whether you can serve as a catechist for our children and young people. If you would like to learn more about this important ministry, please contact Susan Anderson, Director of Religious Education, at 301-258-9193.

ST. MARTIN'S FOOD PANTRY SHORTAGES

Canned Fruit
Canned Beans
Dry Unsweetened Cereal
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Mac & Cheese
Dry Rice/Beans

Diapers - Sizes 5 & 6
Baby Wipes
Pediasure
Baby Formula (Equivalents/substitutes for US produced Similac Blue and Similac Orange (sensitive)).

Ensure for Adults
Adult Unisex Pullups - Sizes S/M/L

Paper Bags (Trader Joe size or similar).
Plastic Newspaper Bags
Plastic Grocery Bags
12-egg cartons (Plastic)

Please place donations in the St. Martin's Food Pantry Bin in the Gathering Space or the Rectory front porch if the church is locked.

Spotlight on St. Jude Regional Catholic School

We are...St. Jude

www.StJudeRockville.org

<http://www.facebook.com/stjuderockvillemd>

Instagram: [stjuderockville](https://www.instagram.com/stjuderockville)

THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR VACATION

July 19th through August 1st

It will be reopened for business on August 2nd. If you wish to visit us, our hours are 9-1 Tuesday through Thursday.

LOOKING FOR A WONDERFUL, SPIRIT FILLED SCHOOL?

St. Jude has limited openings in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. Contact the front office 301-946-7888, email Ellen.Donnelly@stjuderockville.org or register on our website www.stjuderockville.org.

"TODAY A READER, TOMORROW A LEADER!"

The SJRCS Free Little Library for children is open! Please take a book and return it when you have finished reading it. The library is located just outside the main entrance to the school.

WE ARE HIRING!

If you are interested in teaching at a Christ centered school with high academic standards, we would like to speak with you. We are looking for qualified individuals to teach 3rd grade, middle school Spanish and math, and middle school religion. For more information, please contact Ellen Donnelly at 301-946-7888.

ST FRANCIS YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS YOUTH GROUP

AUGUST:

August 7	6:30pm to 8pm (Youth Room)
August 21:	6:30pm to 8pm (Youth Room)

Youth Ministry is looking for teens and adults to help us plan future events. If you'd like to get involved or just have an idea to share, please reach out to sfayouth@sfadw.org. Thank you for all you do, and we look forward to meeting you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 2323

The Knights of Columbus are looking for new, transferring or readmitted members to share in their Charity, Fraternity, Unity and Patriotism activities. Council 2323 supports many St. Francis activities and has many social events. The KofC offers life and long term care insurance opportunities as well as annuities. If interested in learning more, contact Gary Palmer (301-948-6494 or email gtdbpalmer@verizon.net).

HELP YOUR MARRIAGE

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on September 2nd - 4th, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email us at: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org.



Do you have a heart for working in a life affirming ministry with women facing an unplanned pregnancy? The Shady Grove Pregnancy Center in Gaithersburg, MD is seeking a part-time Licensed Sonographer to perform Limited Obstetrical Ultrasounds. Contact Kathleen Garcia, Executive Director 301-963-6223.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

This year, Right to Life of Montgomery County will again have a pro-life booth at the Montgomery County Fair, August 12-20. If you are interested in helping out at the booth please call Tharpa Roberts, (301) 962-5611 or email Tharpa.rtl-omc@snk.mail.com. If you volunteered in 2021, Tharpa will be calling you to see if you can help again this year.

SUMMER VACATION MASS TIMES

While traveling this summer, don't forget to visit www.masstimes.org for Mass times and locations across the country.

OUR LADY OF BETHESDA RETREAT CENTER UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Take a Personal "Retreat" Day this Summer!

Aug 12 / Sep 16

Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Take a break this summer and enjoy your very own personal retreat at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. During your personal retreat, from 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$120 per person. Advance Registration is required, and registrations will be limited to facilitate appropriate social distancing. Visit our website to register and to find more dates ourladyofbethesda.org. Or call 301-365-0612. We also have monthly Mini-Retreats for women and Evenings of Reflection for men. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Experience the Week-Long Spiritual Exercises this Summer!

For Priests: Aug 21-26

The Week-Long Spiritual Exercises are for those well familiar with mental prayer, silence, and the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. This longer format permits more personal prayer time. With longer periods of silence, you are challenged to stretch your soul, thus engaging deeper intimacy with God. The retreat master and other spiritual directors will be available for the daily colloquy to help you detect and understand the movements of the Holy Spirit. Find more details on our website www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Registration is required so that we can properly prepare.

Silent Retreat Weekends This Summer!

For Women: Aug 5-7

For Men: Aug 19-21

We encourage you to spend a summer weekend growing in your faith and become spiritually stronger. Explore your mission in life and experience His Presence in the silence! These retreats are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Registration is required. Cost: \$250 per person. Find more information and links to register on the website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Place to Encounter Christ! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Plan your next retreat today!

Evening Reflection for Couples

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Married and Engaged couples are invited to an Evening of Reflection especially for you! Plan to join us for a holy date night that will help you prepare your marriage for Lent and beyond. The evening will begin with mass and include a delicious dinner, talk, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for confession. \$60 per couple. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Registration is required so that we can properly prepare. We also have monthly Mini-Retreats for women and Evenings of Reflection for men. Visit us at www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612.

ON EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, PRAY FOR THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S WORK

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God. This week, pray for the ministry of our Society of St. Vincent de Paul and realize that in giving you indeed receive. For information about our St. Vincent de Paul Society, please contact Director of Social Concerns Tony Bosnick at (301) 840-1407.

FOR SINGLE AND YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS

23rd Annual Bethany Beach Retreat/Vacation in Delaware, Labor Day weekend/week Sep. 3 – 10, 2022 Very low prices (weekend or whole week): \$340 men; \$320 women (if paid by 8/15/22) – +\$20 after. **All meals**, beach chairs, tennis included. Space is limited. Mass daily with Fr. T. Morrow. Holy Hour avail. daily. Send Payment to St. Catherine Society, 1590 Kimblewick Rd., Rockville, MD 20854. For more info contact Fr. T. Morrow at morrowt@adw.org. Pay online at <https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=AJLD5F4VY43NE>.

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YOU DON'T DESERVE TO BE ABUSED

Domestic violence refers to a pattern of violent and coercive behavior by one adult over another in an intimate relationship. It can consist of repeated severe beatings or subtle forms of abuse, including threats and control. If you experience any form of abuse, please know that there is help. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence, please visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima's second apparition, June 13, 1917, The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division "*The Blue Army*" Invites you to Rosary, Mass, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Blessing with St. Rafael Healing Oil on Wednesday, August 13 at 1:00 pm in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Basilica of the National Shrine, Michigan Ave, DC. For more information call 301-595-1770